

Claims

1. An orthotic pad for reducing pressure and shear stresses on dermal and muscle tissue in a selected treatment area extending over a bony prominence, comprising a hydrocolloid-containing adhesive body having oppositely-facing non-parallel first and second major surfaces and comprising a soft, deformable and shape-recoverable adhesive material in which particles of at least one moisture-absorbing and moisture-swella-
ble hydrocolloid material are dispersed;

said first surface being contoured to match the contour of said treatment area for adhesively engaging and covering said area;

said second surface having a selected shape different than said contour of said first surface;

and a protective layer covering said second surface.

2. The orthotic pad of claim 1 in which said protective layer is of substantially uniform thickness and conforms with said surface shape of said second surface.

3. The orthotic pad of claims 1 or 2 in which said protective layer is flexible.

4. The orthotic pad of claims 1 or 2 in which said protective layer is rigid.

5. The orthotic pad of claims 1 or 2 in which said second surface is generally planar.

6. The orthotic pad of claims 1 or 2 in which said second surface is non-planar and of a developed shape for

corrective redistribution of external forces exertable against said treatment area.

5 7. A foot orthotic for reducing pressure and shear stresses on dermal and muscle tissue in and about a wound area of treatment, comprising a hydrocolloid-containing adhesive body having oppositely facing non-parallel first and second major surfaces and comprising a soft, deformable and shape-recoverable adhesive material in
10 which particles of at least one moisture-absorbing and moisture-swellaable hydrocolloid material are dispersed;

 said first surface being contoured to match the contour of said treatment area for adhesively engaging covering said area;

15 said second surface having a selected shape different than said contour of said first surface;
 and a protective layer covering said second surface.

20 8. The foot orthotic of claim 7 in which said protective layer is of said substantially uniform thickness and conforms with said surface shape of said second surface.

25 9. The foot orthotic of claims 7 or 8 in which said second surface is generally planar.

30 10. The foot orthotic of claims 7 or 8 in which said second surface is non-planar and of a developed shape for corrective redistribution of external forces exertable against said treatment area.